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STAFF MEETING

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1. Colonel White advised that a situation had arisen in which an employee had proposed resigning to take an active part in a political campaign. In discussing his proposal, the employee sought to have assurance that he would be rehired at the conclusion of the campaign. The Director has emphatically stated that no agreement of this nature will be made and that it would be impossible to decide in advance whether or not an employee would be rehired under these circumstances. He could resign, if he wished, and make reapplication for employment, and his application would be considered on its merits and in view of Agency requirements at the time of submission.

2. The problem had arisen, over the weekend, of getting a passport validated so an employee could take off for an overseas area in a matter of hours. Arranging for passport validation is the biggest single problem in dispatching an employee on an urgent mission, and the Director of Personnel was asked to study the situation to see, first of all, what we could do internally to expedite validation, and, secondly, to see what the Director can do within his existing authorities. After these points have been studied, the Director wishes to see if special arrangements can be made with Mrs. Knight. In the meantime, Colonel White urged those who have passports to try to keep them current, and also suggested that officers likely to be selected for emergency travel would do well to have their shots up to date.

25X1A9A 3. In introducing [] who was to discuss the DD/P planning activity, Colonel White advised that in his opinion the support elements have much to do to become up to date with the planning problem. A great deal of progress has been made within the DD/S complex in the last year, and a good share of it has been made possible by the cooperation of General [] and his staff. He felt that we were reasonably well along on current and cold war planning but that so far as hot war planning is concerned there is a great deficiency. He feels the biggest gap in the planning activity is meshing support with the requirements of the Clandestine Services. He expressed his desire that the Office Heads have their people trained and take an active, personal interest in the planning problem.

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three suggestions which would, in his opinion, assist the support elements in their planning:

a. Becoming thoroughly familiar with [REDACTED]

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b. Having a central control point where the DD/S position on a particular matter can be established, and

c. Attending the War Planners Course offered by the Program and Planning Coordination Staff of DD/P.

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